

June 27, 2008

Stephen Shaff, Treasurer
Progressive Vote AKA Progressive Democrats
of America
P.O. Box 150064
Grand Rapids, MI 49515

Response Due Date: July 28, 2008

Identification Number: (

C00402800

Reference:

April Quarterly Report (1/1/08-3/31/08)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 3 items:

- 1. Your report discloses a negative ending cash balance of \$14,466.23. This suggests that you have either overdrawn your account, made a mathematical error, or incurred a debt. The Commission acknowledges your memo text in which you state, "Our report discloses a negative ending cash balance of \$11,954.25. We have recently discovered that this is due to an accounting error. We have recently assigned this task to new staff and are in the process of locating and correctly this error. When it is resolved, we will file an amended report. We have the bank statements as evidence that we have always operated in a positive cash balance and we do not owe any debts at this time." If your committee has incurred a debt or obligation, please show a zero balance on Line 8 of the Summary Page and reflect the amount and the nature of the debt on Schedule D and Line 10 or provide clarifying information. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(8)
- 2. The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your Amended 2007 Year End Report, received 5/27/08. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

3. Schedule B discloses an expenditure(s) for "Printing," "web ads," "Emarketing/databank," and "emarketing/databanka." If a portion or all of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) or voter drive activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications and voter drive activity that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate should be reported on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify whether this activity contained express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1139.

SincereTy,

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